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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

HARBERD et al

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Serial No.: 09/485,529

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Filed: March 1, 2000

Examiner: Ibrahim, M.

For: GENETIC CONTROL OF PLANT GROWTH AND  
DEVELOPMENT

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December 3, 2001

AMENDMENTHon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated  
October 3, 2001, in the above matter, the period for  
response having been extended up to December 3, 2001, by  
submission of the required petition and fee herewith.  
Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claims.

55. (New) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a  
polypeptide which has an amino acid sequence which shows at

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02 FC:102

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